THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) The Government are aware of the tragic death of Director of Srinagar Doordarshan.

(b) The Government have taken necessary steps to provide protection to personnel working in Radio and Doordarshan Kendra at Srinagar. At present, the telecasts are being made from Jammu.

Pak plan to train subversives in Azad Kashmir

189. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news which appeared in Hindustan Times dated the 14th February, 1990 to the effect that Pak plan to train 10,000 subversives in Azad Kashmir; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) While the exact figure of 10,000 Kashmiri youth mentioned in the article in the Hindustan Times can not be confirmed, the fact of a large number of youth being trained in POK/Pak with the intention of being infiltrated back into the Valley has been borne out by the interrogation of the arrested militants. The involvement of the Afghan Mujahideen in training the Kashmiri militants has also been substantiated.

Recruitments in para-military forces in connection with recent Lok Sabha elections

190. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had appointed some employees in B.S.F./C.R.P.F./I.T.B.P. in connection with the work of Lok Sabha elections during 1989;

(b) if so, the number of employees (force-wise) who were appointed; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the services of some of these employees have been terminated; if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) and (b) The information relating to the number of persons appointed in B.S.F./C.R.P.F./I.T.B.P. in connection with the work of Lok Sabha elections during 1989 is as under:—

	Constables	Followers	Tradesmen	Total
BSF	3203	450	33	3686
CRPF	7607	1036	76	8719
ITBP	952	129	9	1090

(c) The Government have not terminated the services of any of these employees so far. However, the following number of personnel have been discharged from service at their own request:—

	Constables	Followers	Tradesmen	Total
BSF	213	7	1	221
CRPF	436	11	9	456
ITBP	25	5	Nil	30

Demand for creation of Jharkhand State

191. SHRI PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jharkhand Mukti Morcha has urged Government to create a separate Jharkhand State out of Bihar State in lieu of the support extended by Jharkhand Party to the National Front Government; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) No communication to this effect has come to notice.

(b) Does not arise.

Highest road accident rates in India

192. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that road accidents rate in India is highest in the world, *viz.* 34.4 per ten thousand people compared to 13.7 in West Germany, 10 in Japan and 4.8 in Sweden; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to reduce this rate?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) No, Sir. According to the World Road Statistics 1987, brought out by International Road Federation, Washington corelated to population as reported in the Monthly Bulletin of Statistics of United Nations, July, 1989 issue, the road accidents per ten thousand people in India and the other countries worked out as follows:—

India (1986)	2.8
West Germany (1985)	53.7
Japan (1986)	47.6
Sweden (1986)	19.9

However, accidents rate in India is comparatively high if number of accidents is co-related to the vehicle population.

(b) The Central Government, from time to time, has written to the State Governments to ensure strict control in the matter of issue of driving licences, grant of fitness certificates to vehicles etc. They have also been requested to set up driver training schools to impart training to the applicants of driving licences. The new Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 provides for driver training as a pre-requisite for issuance of licence to drive transport vehicles. Provisions designed to promote road safety include fitment of safety devices in the vehicles, regulations regarding safe load-limits, maximum speed, establishing Truck Parking Complexes along Highways etc.

National Road Safety Council has also been set up to advise on formulation of road safety measures and their implementation through State agencies. The State Governments have also been asked to set up State Level Road Safety Councils.